

REMARKS

Response to Claim rejections

Claims 26-35, 42, and 61-107 are pending in the present case. The Examiner has raised the following rejections and objections:

- I.** Claims 99 and 107 are objected to as being duplicate claims;
- II.** Claims 26, 28-35, 42, 62, 63, 65-67, 69, 70, 77, 78, 80-90, 93-95, 97-99, and 107 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 26-30, 40-45, and 47-59 of co-pending Application Ser. No. 10/081,806; and
- III.** Claims 27, 61, 64, 68, 71-76, 79, 91, 92, 96, and 100-106 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

These objections and rejections will be addressed in the order presented above.

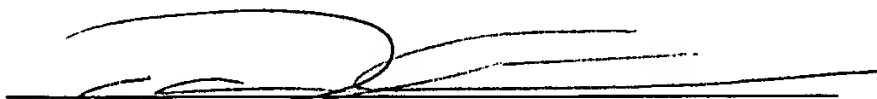
- I.** Claims 99 and 107 are objected to as being duplicate claims. Claim 107 is canceled in the present amendment, rendering this objection moot.
- II.** Claims 26, 28-35, 42, 62, 63, 65-67, 69, 70, 77, 78, 80-90, 93-95, 97-99, and 107 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 26-30, 40-45, and 47-59 of co-pending Application Ser. No. 10/081,806. As both of these patents are co-owned by the present Applicants, Applicants herein file a terminal disclaimer to overcome these rejections, and respectfully request that these rejections be removed.
- III.** Claims 27, 61, 64, 68, 71-76, 79, 91, 92, 96, and 100-106 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicants have addressed the sole basis for rejection of the base claims by the filing of a terminal disclaimer herewith. Removal of the obviousness-type double patent rejections renders these objections moot. Applicants respectfully request that these objections be removed.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections and

objections should be removed and Applicants' claims should be passed to allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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